

BY-LAWS
OF THE
Women's Art Society
OF MONTREAL

Article I.—NAME

The name of this organization shall be the
WOMEN'S ART SOCIETY.

Article II.—OBJECT

The object of this organization shall be the promotion of a more general interest, and the encouragement of a higher standard of workmanship, in all branches of Art.

Article III.—MEMBERSHIP

SAC. 1. A candidate for membership shall be proposed by one member and endorsed by a second, both of whom shall personally vouch for her, and be themselves of at least one year's standing in the Society. She shall sign an application form provided by the Corresponding Secretary, and shall return the completed form to be acted upon by the Executive Committee. Two negatives shall reject.

A member having resigned from the Society and wishing to renew membership shall apply as a new member.

SAC. 2. The membership of the Society shall be limited to three hundred and fifty.

SAC. 3. Members of the Executive Committee may neither propose nor endorse candidates for membership during their term of office.

SAC. 4. Before admission to the Society, each candidate shall pay to the Treasurer an initiation fee of two dollars, together with the annual fee of four dollars, these fees to be paid within one month of her

notification, otherwise her election shall be declared void for that season.

SEC. 5. Members joining the Society after Jan. 1 shall pay only one-half the annual fee in addition to the initiation fee.

SEC. 6. The annual fee for regular members shall be four dollars, payable before the first regular meeting in October, the time-limit being December 1st.

SEC. 7. All rights of membership shall be forfeited until this fee has been paid.

SEC. 8. The fee for life membership shall be twenty-five dollars paid at one time.

SEC. 9. Honorary members shall be elected by the Executive Committee.

SEC. 10. Resignations should be sent in writing to the Corresponding Secretary before the first regular meeting in October.

SEC. 11. Members leaving the city for a year or more may retain their membership by payment of one dollar annual fee.

SEC. 12. Honorary and non-resident members have no voting privileges.

Article IV.—OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

The Officers of this society shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer, who with a committee of eight shall constitute the Executive Committee.

The President shall preside at all meetings of the society and of the Executive Committee. She shall be ex-officio member of all committees of the society, and shall be notified of all their meetings. In the absence of the President one of the Vice-Presidents or other officers in rotation shall perform the duties of the presidential office.

The Recording Secretary shall keep a correct record of all meetings. She shall prepare an agenda of all meetings at which business is transacted, send out notices of meetings, arrange for all printing and shall present a full report of the year's work for the Annual Meeting.

The Corresponding Secretary shall receive, read to the Executive Committee, and answer all letters.

She shall read to the Society such letters as refer to other than routine business, notify new members of their election, instruct them concerning fees, and forward their names and addresses to the Treasurer after each election. She shall keep a correct list of all members with their addresses, and shall prepare and present a written report of her work at the business meetings, and a summary of her year's work at the Annual Meeting.

The Treasurer shall receive, collect and hold receipt for the funds of the Society, disbursing the same by order of the Executive Committee. She shall sign and deliver membership-tickets, notify members in arrears of time-limit for payment of fees, order all stationery, and pay all postage. She shall give a monthly statement to the Executive Committee and to the Society at the business meeting, and shall present a complete report in writing, duly audited, at the Annual Meeting.

The Executive Committee shall conduct all routine business of the society; elect new members, and report to the society all business other than routine. It may make such standing rules as it finds necessary for its own governance, provided they do not in any way conflict with this constitution, and it shall have power to fill vacancies in its own body.

Article V.—MEETINGS

SEC. 1. The Annual Meeting shall be held on the third Tuesday in April.

SEC. 2. The afternoon-meetings shall be held throughout the season on the first and third Tuesdays at three-thirty o'clock.

The business meetings shall be held on the first Tuesday of November and the first Tuesday of February at three-thirty o'clock.

SEC. 3. The morning meetings shall be held throughout the season on the second and fourth Tuesdays at eleven o'clock.

SEC. 4. The Executive Committee shall meet throughout the season on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

SEC. 5. Meetings may be postponed or called at the discretion of the President.

SEC. 6. Five members shall constitute a quorum at all Executive Meetings; eight at all Business Meetings; and twelve at the Annual Meeting.

Article VI.—ELECTIONS AND AMENDMENTS

SEC. 1. Nominations for officers and members of the Executive Committee shall be made in the following manner:—At the February Business Meeting of the Society, a Nominating Committee shall be formed consisting of two members of the Executive Committee previously appointed by that body and not candidates for office, and of three members of the general Society appointed by the floor. They shall have power to elect their own Convenor. At the first meeting in April, the Committee shall present the names of one or more candidates for each vacant office, having beforehand secured from each one her consent to stand for office. Nominations from the floor may also be made at this meeting. At the Annual Meeting, names so proposed, together with those presented by the Nominating Committee, shall be ballotted for in the usual manner.

SEC. 2. No member of less than two full years' standing shall be eligible for office on the Executive Committee.

SEC. 3. No office except that of Treasurer may be held for more than two consecutive years. No member having served in any capacity on the Executive Committee for four consecutive years shall be eligible, during the following year, for any office except that of President.

SEC. 4. All officers and members of the Executive Committee shall be elected for their full term of office.

SEC. 5. The constitution may be amended at any business meeting of the Society by a two-thirds vote of the members present, two weeks' notice of the proposed amendment having been given.



